

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph on page 11, beginning line 19, with the following amended paragraph:

--By way of example, the water-containing chemical is a hydrated salt. During the vulcanization, the water then comes free ~~of~~ dehydrating the salt and ~~is evaporated~~ evaporating the water, resulting in the formation of the cavities and leaving the dehydrated salt in the cavities. During cooling, the water vapour condenses, so that substantially only a minimal quantity of water and vapour remains behind in the cavities. As a result, the cavities are substantially unpressurized, such that in the event of a reduction in the volume of the cavities under the influence of deformation of the vibration isolating member, no significant pressure increase occurs.--